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Claim 10. A method for producing the powder as defined in Claim 1 comprising reacting a monosilane gas with a gas capable of oxidizing the monosilane gas in a non-oxidizing gas atmosphere under a pressure of from 10 to 1000 kPa at a temperature of from 500 to 1000°C, wherein

in the reacting, the gas capable of oxidizing the monosilane gas is supplied to a high temperature part of a reactor without prior mixing with the monosilane gas.